

# A Reply to the Editorial in Last Weeks Issue of This Paper, Entitled "Would Further Inflation Benefit?"

(The following is what is termed an answer to the editorial that appeared in the last issue of the Miner. As this journal does not care to exploit the "Davidson Plan," whatever that may be, we are giving this "just as she lays.")

As the editorial apparently was written to discredit the plan, which is known as "Davidson Plan for Financing Reclamation and Public Improvement Projects," and which plan has been submitted to the United States Senate and House of Representatives, I consider it my duty to reply to the attack.

As the article is a rambling statement, without offering any reason or proof for the assertions made, it is quite apparent that the writer has not given much sound thought to the subject, but as he seems to be inclined to deal with antiquities, as he refers to the time when he and Adam were boys, that character of argument can probably be best met by dealing in some antiquities too, though not so ancient.

We will first refer to those who ridiculed and made light of the boy Durias Green and his thought of a flying machine, then the same character of foggies ridiculed Fulton who harnessed steam. Later Westinghouse was told by one who thought himself wise, that he had no time to waste on fools and cranks, or what he could devise, but events transpired so fast that Vanderbilt who thought he was so wise was in need of Westinghouse's device. He sent for him and got the reply that "He, Westinghouse, had no time to spend on fools and cranks." It is needless to mention the part the Westinghouse airplane plays in our transportation to-day.

Who now doesn't know of the flying machine and the great locomotive propelled by steam. I might sight many other instances of devisors or designers of plans, all of whom have been ridiculed, but what would our country be to-day without what they had devised or designed. It is not at all unlikely that the writer of the editorial, which attacks the devised plan of financing reclamation and public improvements will find himself in much the same position as Vanderbilt was placed on account of his jumping at conclusions.

I challenge the writer of the editorial to tell the people where and when such a plan as he has attacked was ever before submitted to or discarded by any people municipality or state as he states it has been.

He uses the term "wildest ideas, scrip, ranters" (I am the ranter referred to). I ask him if he will tell the people why it would be better for them to pay six per cent on state bonds held by capitalists rather than three per cent on the same bonds held by the federal treasury and that three per cent they pay being paid into their own federal treasury as my plan purposes, again saving them additional indirect taxation. Tell them, if you can, why that three per cent paid in to the federal treasury would not constitute a revenue or asset instead of a liability which would ruin the country, as you assert. Tell them at what time and place scrip, as you term it, was issued that purchased state bonds that would bear the federal government three per cent per annum interest on the amount of the issue. Will you tell them the kind of scrip you alluded to and were familiar with was a scrip issued to pay current expenses of county or state and that the recipient of the scrip was drawing the interest, not the county or state issuing the scrip.

Some difference, is it not, as much as the difference between success and failure, between sound solvent business and bankruptcy. Will you tell us, do you consider federal reserve bank notes scrip? Will you tell the people what security lies back of federal reserve bank notes? You surely cannot tell them it is a gold reserve. Will you tell the people if you have any objections to an increased circulating medium of gold? If you have, why do you advocate mining gold? If you have not, what objection can you have to a circulating medium which is secured by what cannot be purchased, by one and a half times or twice the amount of gold that the face value of the issue or circulating medium represents or would command. Will you tell the people what objection there can be to an increased circulating medium if it be sound. Is there any who would object to an increased circulating medium if it be gold. You state our country is getting along nicely. Will you explain why bankers can buy liberty bonds at 92 and 93 cents on a dollar and put those bonds up with the federal reserve bank and get full face value on them issued in federal reserve bank notes or scrip as you term it and they still draw the interest on the bond. Will you explain that to the satisfaction of the party who parted with their bonds for 92 to 93 cents on the dollar of what they paid for them. Can you explain how it would be a liability or a country would be going bankrupt as you state if it was issuing a medium of exchange which was a legal tender when that issue was paying for new wealth created and the new wealth worth twice as much as the face value of the issue and the federal government drawing three per cent per annum interest on the amount of the face value of

the issue and all held as surety for the issue with the state bond in addition, all of which my plan embodies and furnishes development money at three per cent. Can you answer it? With the problems that are confronting the United States to-day, these are times we need real men, earnest, thoughtful, honest men—men who think and try to analyze and solve problems, not those who condemn without earnest thought and consideration suggestions regardless of their merit and are more prone to pass on a suggestion by considering its source rather than its merit. These are days when everyone should think and consider well.

No fair minded man will object to honest criticism of any plan or suggestion he may offer but rather welcome it, but let it be honest criticism, with sound arguments supporting the contention. Fair discussion should bring forth sound conclusions. If there be defects, bring them out, uncover them, but if the plan or suggestion has merit, let no one attempt to smother or cover it up.

As the writer of the editorial referred to Congress being flooded with the wildest ideas and the to be dreaded one was mine. I will here give some excerpts taken from a letter, written by our Senior Senator, Marcus A. Smith, in reply to my letter and plan submitted:

"The scheme you have is too big for me or anyone else to decide off hand, but it is worthy, I know of the most careful thought. I shall bring the matter to the attention of Secretary Lane for it seems to me it is as good or even better than the scheme he has.

You could not get such a big idea into the heads of these senators without weeks of hard work."

If the people of Arizona hope to accomplish anything, they have got to get in and work for it and assist our senators and representative.

The writer of the editorial stated that "The people must not be misled by any of the harpies," referring to me, and adds "or the people will surely cut you down." I say to the gentleman that I am willing to abide by the will of the people.

Respectfully,  
JOHN F. DAVIDSON.

## WILEY JONES REVERSES OPINION ON BOND ISSUE (Continued From Front Page)

000 is to be spent by the state on part of the roadway. Without the completion of this road the expenditure would go for naught. The last board of supervisors left the treasury of the county dry, so far as road funds were concerned and now there is not even money to keep up the roadways we have. Every county in the state is issuing bonds for road building and to get part of the big road fund that the government is giving to the states, and we must not be laggards. We have always been first in good road building and we must not lay down when good road work is so essential to our prosperity.

A petition should be circulated at once, calling upon the board of supervisors to at once call an election for the issuance of bonds for both road and hospital and in an amount that would meet all requirements. The supervisors are ready and willing to carry out the demands of the people and have so far done everything in their power to secure the money for the purpose of building the hospital and construction of roads. The clerk of the board, J. S. Withers, has been unflinching in his effort to place the bonds with financial interests and would have sold them had it not been for the reversal of the opinion of the attorney general, and despite the fact that the Taxpayers League used every endeavor to prevent the issue of the bonds. This Taxpayers League has a way of prying into personal business of the county and preventing improvements that will sooner or later bring it into disrepute. Counties have their own method of safe guarding their interests and the interests of the taxpayers without outside interference and we expect our people will give them a jolt when the bond election is held.

It Takes Grit  
"Couldn't you put up a bluff?"  
"No. I haven't the sand."—Cartoons Magazine.

## EARLY BUILDING FOR SUCCESS

Youth's Wise Employment of Leisure Hours Means Everything in His After Life.

If the young man could only assimilate very early in his life the fact that merely to live and eat and drink and sleep, and then die, is not enough, but that he must rob himself of many of the pleasures usually taken up by young men if he means to make his life of the highest possible use to the world, he would set his foot on the pathway to accomplish something worth while.

There is no harm in billiards or pool or in dancing, baseball or card-playing, or any one of the scores of different diversions and recreations open to young men. The natural inclination usually is to devote a large part of the leisure hours of young manhood to such pleasures. But the youth who is really earnest in his ambition to do something worth while will discipline himself to resist such temptations during his early, formative years, for the whole fate of a man is largely determined by how he utilizes his plastic years. He may be restricted by circumstances, by environment, by family ties in his selection of his daily work, but every young man, particularly nowadays, has many hours that he can call his own, and it is how he chooses to use these hours that counts most and tells most.—Forbes Magazine.

## ADVERTISED LETTERS

The following letters remain uncalled for at the Post Office at Kingman, Ariz. for the week ending Aug. 23, 1919.

Dias, Sr., Alejandro  
Bartlett, Mrs. Archie  
Lane, Geo. W.  
Moore, Irma Jean  
Miller, Miss Lucy L.  
Rice, E. A.

If the above letters are not called for at the end of two weeks they will be sent to the Dead Letter Office at San Francisco, Calif.

CHARLES METCALFE,  
Postmaster.

## LABOR DAY ENTRANTS NOTICE

All entrants in the Labor Day contests must be in by next Saturday night. Deputy Sheriff Jimmy Curtin is in charge of that end of the program and makes this announcement.

### No Problem at All.

A small boy was sent to the local drug store for an empty bottle, and after waiting his turn the assistant spotted him and said: "Well, little man, what can I do for you?"

"Oh, I want an empty medicine bottle," the boy replied.

"I can't let you have one without something in it," said the assistant.

To which the little hopeful shyly answered: "I suppose it is merely red tape, so shove us a cork in."

## ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCK-HOLDERS

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Odd Fellows' Building Association will be held at the office of the Association, Odd Fellows' Building, in the town of Kingman, Mohave County, Arizona, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m., on the 26 day of September, 1919, for the purpose of electing a board of directors for the ensuing year and for the transaction of all other legal business that may come before the meeting.

A. B. FANCHER, Pres.  
O. E. WALKER, Secy.  
Kingman, Arizona, August 23, 1919.

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